

JUNIORS TO RECEIVE CLASS RINGS

by Patty Miller

On June 9th at 7:30 p.m. the auditorium will be filled with parents, faculty and administrators to see the Class of '83 receive their rings. 352 rings will be given out by Bro. Michel. After the Mass, which will include the blessing of the rings, there will be coffee and cake served in the cafeteria.

The night will mark the presentation of the class of '83's banner, which the juniors themselves are making. This banner symbolizes the passage from junior to senior year and signifies that the juniors are in good standing at Bishop Ford and are ready for senior year. At this time the juniors get together to celebrate their three years at Ford. The theme of the banner will be "Today's Stars, Tomorrow's Universe." The man in charge of the night is Mr. Clancy, who is director of the Junior Activities Council (J.A.C.). He expressed his feeling regarding the ceremony: "I feel very positive about the fact that many juniors are planning the Junior Ring Night, because then it is really their night."

This will mark the 5th Annual Ring Night at Bishop Ford. According to tradition, the boys will receive bootoners and the girls will receive roses (and also be escorted off the stage by the senior boys). Another custom is for each homeroom to have a song played while they receive their rings.

Wednesday, the 9th will mark the turning point in these students' lives at Ford, because from that day forward they are seniors.

UPPERCLASSMEN BEGIN JOBS

Since the beginning of March Sister Colleen has been involved in placing many of our seniors in full-time career oriented jobs.

The jobs consist of secretarial work and bookkeeping (both of which are offered as courses of study in the Business Department), and the salary ranges from 200-250 dollars per week. Also included are fringe benefits (profit sharing, hospitalization, and an opportunity to advance in college).

The students will start work after graduation (which takes place on June 5th) with such companies as Cooper and Lybrand (one of the big eight accounting firms in the country), Drexel Burnham Lambert (a leading brokerage house), Hemsley and Spear, and many of the large banks, including Chase Manhattan, Bank of New York, and Manufacturers Hanover Trust. Students can also receive aid from the Catholic Career Services available free of charge to Catholic schools.

Currently there are over thirty students who have received employment in this program. Any senior interested should contact Sister Colleen in the guidance office for further information.

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GELI, McFEE TO LEAD COUNCIL

by Liz O'Keeffe

On May 19th, 1982, Bishop Ford's fifth annual Student Council Convention took place. The day began with coffee and donuts, followed by a tally of all students present. A candidate had to acquire over fifty percent of the vote to be victorious. After breakfast we listened to nominating speeches and watched the demonstrations (music and a little psyching up) by the candidates.

Homeroom was the next stop; we voted, and totals for each ticket were announced by homeroom representatives in the auditorium. If there

activities, such as pep rallies, trips, etc., working off demerits, and (thank goodness) a better quality of food in the cafeteria. The next ticket was Margaret Castagna and Linda DiMonda, who supported boosting school spirit; they would like to involve the entire school in activities, such as the pie-throwing contest held a few months ago. Last—but not least, was the ticket of John Geli and John McFee. They supported senior privileges, such as leaving the building for lunch. Other ideas included music in the cafeteria during lunch periods, a "battle of the bands," and dress-up or down



Two of our presidential candidates: John Geli and Margaret Castagna

occurred a majority for one ticket, they would automatically win. If not, the ticket with the least amount of votes would be eliminated and a second vote taken. The candidates with the majority were named president and vice president of the student council.

Elections for various class presidents and presidential advisors took place about a week later. This was done in homeroom and was based upon a majority of votes.

The candidates for president and vice president of the student body, along with their goals for next year, were as follows. Leslie Calandra and Robert Cole supported more

days when you pay a dollar or two for the privilege.

Each of the candidates was asked if he/she felt confident of victory. The responses were varied: a confident "Definitely!" from John McFee, a hardy "I think we have a good chance!" from Leslie Calandra, and a mysterious "No comment" from Margaret Castagna.

John Geli and John McFee were elected president and vice president, respectively, with a total of 649 votes; Leslie Calandra and Robert Cole came in second with a total of 186 votes; Margaret Castagna and Linda DiMonda came in third with a total of 79 votes.

SENIORS ATTEND PROM

by Eileen Maher

The highlight of the senior year will have occurred. As we went to press final arrangements were being worked out; dresses and tuxedos were ready, limosines were rented and soon to be at the doorsteps.

This year's Senior Prom on May 19th will have taken place at Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadows, Queens. Bishop Ford has traditionally held its prom there. The idea of changing the location of the prom came up, but it was

dismissed because the organizers felt comfortable with the usual location.

The cost of the prom was \$35 for singles and \$65 for couples. Approximately 50% of the senior class will have attended. The entire faculty was also invited.

The prom was organized by Dr. DeFina and the Senior Class President, Michelle Donato. According to Michelle, they began planning this night last June. Considering all the hard work that went into it, the night certainly lived up to everyone's expectations.

RADIO COURSE PLANNED FOR FALL SEMESTER

by Thomas McGlade

A new course is now being set up by the Communications Department here at Bishop Ford called **Elements of Radio Production and Theory**. The course, open to juniors entering their senior year, will study the different aspects of radio production and its effect on society.

Elements of Radio Production and Theory is a half-year course which was suggested by two juniors, Martin Jonkowski and Joseph Devilio. Both students are confident that the course will be a successful one. When asked about it, Joe replied, "There are students in school who are interested in the D.J. side of radio, as well as the production side; this will satisfy both."

There are already twenty students who have decided to take the course, and more are expected to sign up.

FIRST ANNUAL FUN RUN A SMASH

by Regina Brown

As many of you know, on May 12th, after school, Bishop Ford had its first annual Fun Run, 3½ miles inside Prospect Park. This event was sponsored by the National Honor Society and the track team. They decided to have the Fun Run to raise money for a scholarship fund. It will be used for students who cannot stay at Ford because of the raise in tuition.

Anyone from Ford could have participated in the Run. With an entry fee of 5 dollars, you would have automatically received a tee shirt. You could have either run, skated, or skate-boarded. There were many different prizes given. Some were for 1st. runner, 1st. skater/skateboarder, 1st. boy, 1st. girl, 1st. teacher, 1st. person in each year.

In regard to the run, Mr. Tom said that we should realize it was for a good cause and that someday you may need it. If you didn't get a chance this year to run, join next year.

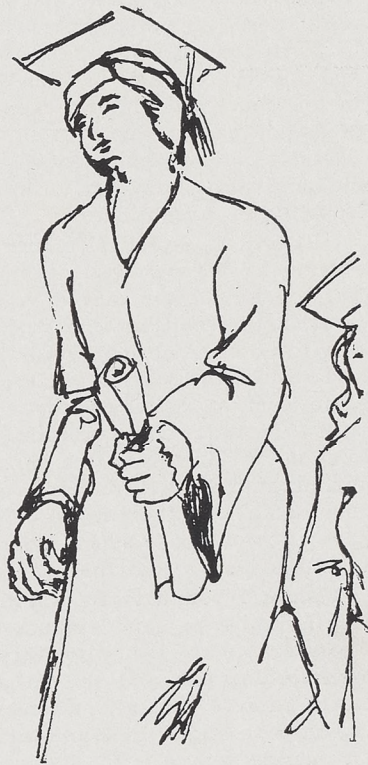
At a luncheon at St. Francis College on May 20, Feature Editor Mark Basta accepted the Tablet High School Press Award for General Excellence (Honorable Mention) for **Highpoint**. Douglas Crosby's editorial entitled "Let's Go to Burger King" (March-April 1982 issue) was awarded the Tablet High School Press Award for Best Editorial.

FORD TO GRADUATE FOUR HUNDRED TWO SENIORS

by Michelle Donato

On June 5, in Ford's auditorium, with much pride, 402 seniors will walk across the red and black decorated stage to receive their diplomas in recognition of their completion of their high school education. All seniors look forward to graduation, but many cannot believe that now it's their turn to take their rightful places in the real world.

The ceremony, organized by Mr. Rocco Grella, will prove to be very moving, as the graduates reflect on the past few years, say good-bye to teachers and friends, and store away all their high-school memories. It will include the speech given by the valedictorian, who is the person with the highest accumulated average, and Brother Michel's address to the class, their parents, and guests. The 402 names will be read aloud as the diplomas are distributed



and parents will exult in their teenagers' accomplishments. Also, a few special people will be awarded one or more of the following: the individual departmental awards, the Governor's Committee on Scholastic Achievement Citation, the Tablet All Scholastic Award, the Bishop Ford Citation of Honor, the Golden Achievement Award from the Brooklyn Borough President, the Binai Brith Brotherhood Award, and the School Spirit and Attendance Awards. These honors are determined by faculty, guidance, and administration.

When it is over, the applause will cease, the graduates will march out of the auditorium remembering the past and preparing to meet the future, congratulations will be in order, and, finally, the last tear will be shed. The class of 1982 will have then made its mark in Bishop Ford's proud history.

DON'T CRY FOR ARGENTINA

by Edward MacPepaoighe

If you had asked someone, in February or March, "Can you tell me where the Falkland Islands are located?" you would most probably have received answers like: "Huh?" and "How would I know?" But now, in May, it seems as though everybody knows not only **where** the islands are but also can interpret their history to some extent. It is common knowledge that the British Royal Navy steamed towards the islands at a furious pace and negotiations between Argentina and Great Britain, with the United States playing the middle-man, had to be worked out hastily. It is important, however, to try to discover which side is in the right. Let us turn back, shall we, to the year 1833. . . .

After going through a lot of red tape, the settlers of the Falklands finally received parliamentary control from London. The settlers first came to the islands from England and Scotland, mainly as farmers and cattle ranchers, and claimed the islands in the name of the king and government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and began to establish the island's first towns. For the longest while, the islands have been eyed by such European kingdoms as France, Spain, Portugal, and even Denmark, but they took no measures to claim the Falklands for themselves. Only the British have taken the giant step forward and set up an administrative capital at Stanley, now Port Stanley.

Why are the Argentines involved in this mess? Well, a few years earlier, 1821 to be exact, Spain had granted independence to Argentina. Young Argentina was first established as the Benevolent Republic of Buenos Aires (now Argentina's capital city) and took measures to colonise the mainland and island territories surrounding it without really taking notice of the Falklands. It's surprising that they even knew that the chain existed!

But suddenly they took notice, and April 2, 1982 by consent of Argentine Premier Napoleon Galtieri, Argentinian troops invaded and captured the Falklands without much British resistance. The Government House (Administrative Capital) in Port Stanley was entered, its occupants taken prisoner, and the Union Jack (British flag) was lowered from the pole in the courtyard and was replaced by the blue-and-white flag of Argentina. It was over in a matter of hours. The Falkland Islands and its dependencies, along with approximately 1,812 citizens, were now territories and subjects of the militarized Republic of Argentina.

The Houses of Parliament in London met in an emergency session to debate what was to be done about the situation. Not too long after that it was announced by most American broadcasting stations that the Royal British Navy was on its way to South America in a dashing effort to retake the islands and restore order as it was before. Then it seemed as though some sort of helter-skelter effort at compromise broke out, with Alexander Haig running from one place to the other: London to Buenos Aires, back to London, return home to Washington, back to London, until it seemed as though Argentina and Great Britain were leading poor Mr. Haig on some sort of wild goose chase in order to pressure the U.S. into taking sides against the other party.

We are bound to Britain through such alliances as NATO and Britain's support against Iran during the hostage crisis. However, we are bound to Argentina through pacts such as the Monroe Doctrine and the Alliance of American States which stated in 1947 that all nations in this hemisphere would stick together through thick-and-thin in case of intervention from an outside source. But it does seem obvious that the Argentinians are the villains in this case, being labeled "conquistadors," "invaders," and other harsh names.

The British have administered the islands since the early part of the 19th century until now. Why should they be denied the right to govern? The islanders consider themselves loyal subjects of the crown; why should they be kicked out? It is safe to assume that the British are in the right and should be supported accordingly. What about the Russians? Well, what about them? It is highly unlikely that the Soviet Union will get directly involved in the affairs of **these little islands**. They're concentrating on who will win the next Olympic games in Yugoslavia.

RUBBISH!!!

by Eleuterio Sangalang

Last issue, **Highpoint** presented an article about graffiti. It was an interview of a graffiti artist trying to answer the question, "Graffiti: Art or Trash?" Strangely enough, although the article offered information on what graffiti is all about, the question was never really answered. Although I concede the point that there might be something good about graffiti, I still say it falls way short of the target if it is supposed to be art.

How can one truly call monochromatic gibberish done with drippy spray paint, magic markers or even ball-point pens, on walks or vinyl-top desks, **art**? Qualified to respond to the question: the cleaning lady. And so, I asked Phyllis Smith what she thought of graffiti. "It's terrible! I'm against it 100%. It gives us cleaning ladies more work to do, and especially the men who have to clean the bathrooms. The paint on the bathrooms used to be candy-pink, now it's cell-gray. It really makes a bad impression."

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

by Edward Stevenson Smith

The votes are all in. The winner of the Most Disgusting Nation of the Month Award for April of 1982 (the prizes being an autographed Darth Vader poster and a watermelon cheer) is Argentina, for its invasion of the Falkland Islands.

The government of Argentina claims emphatically that its invasion force was a force of liberation. They claim to have eliminated the "last vestige of British imperialism." **Horse manure.** The Argentinian junta invaded the Falklands to turn their people's attention away from their gross human rights violations. It was no more and no less than a cheap (albeit clever) and deadly political ploy. Its consequences will reverberate throughout the region of South America and the world.

The Argentinians have promised the Falkland Islanders the same political rights as Argentinians have. The last statement that was as reassuring as that was by officials from the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor. The kelpers can now expect the more outspoken or astute persons among them to be dragged away from their homes in the middle of the night by soldiers. You can't get optimistic about that.

They also promise to develop the admittedly stagnant economy of the islands. To what? The Argentinian economy? The present economy of the islands has zero inflation, zero unemployment, and one of the safest currencies in the world (it is based upon the pound sterling). The present economy of Argentina has 170 per cent inflation, high unemployment and one of the weakest currencies in the world. It also is rife with corruption and has a thriving black market. What an improvement!

The residents of the Falkland Islands have, up until now, led a quiet and peaceful existence. They have avoided the anxieties which plague most of the world, and want only to be left alone in their simple, contented lifestyle. They are also of British origin and want only to remain a British colony. They rejected out of hand a Hong Kong type of status, with their home officially belonging to Argentina, but with Great Britain leasing the islands. They want to be British. Argentina is in no manner whatsoever liberating them; she is actually cruelly interfering in their lives. She should withdraw from the archipelago and learn some humility.

The offshore oil should not by rights be given to the tinpot generals; but as the British lion is an aging one, the royalties must be shared. It is an unfair necessity, but it is a necessity nonetheless.

Of the conflict itself, this can be said: in this perverse world of nuclear arms races, cold wars, and ambiguous diplomatic doubletalk, this affair is a breath of fresh air.

IT'S ONLY A MEMORY

by Jim Piren

On June 5, 1982, the senior class will assemble as a part of the Bishop Ford community for the final time. I, for one, am both overjoyed and sorrowful. In these past four years I have grown into what I am today. For this I am grateful, because Bishop Ford's population has been responsible for my personal growth in ways too numerous to mention. But these days have not always been as easy as I would have preferred.

As a freshman I was scared, lost, confused and extremely dissatisfied. For the first time in my life I had to work. As time progressed, so did our knowledge. We became, then, sophomores—sophisticated fools. At this time I thought I knew the "ins and outs" of the school and acquired some feeling of belonging. As a junior I found myself bored and listless and in summer school again. My school spirit might have reached a record low, but it was not non-existent. I wanted out, but I wouldn't have felt right about leaving. I was a part of this circus; this was home.

I don't care what anyone else says about this school. I've grown accustomed to it. Five days a week, ten months a year, for four years, Bishop Ford C.C.H.S. has given me a place to go in the morning and much more than that. I have initiated long-term relationships here and learned how to function in a group. A price cannot be put on these intangibles.

Now it is May. I find myself a senior, looking to the future more than to the past. I have learned many things at Ford, but the things I will remember most cannot be found in any book. My days at Ford found me meeting a variety of people. I have learned from them all, and to me they are not replaceable. This place has had its ups and downs, but that is all in the past now, for me.

What happens now? I don't know. All of us will find ourselves in a foreign environment soon, and life at Bishop Ford will be just a memory. This, in my opinion, is not only unavoidable, but good. Many changes are needed. These changes, whatever they will be, are almost here. Most of us will never see one another again; let's wish for a lot of luck in our future endeavors. To the faculty and administration who are in charge of running this institution, we thank you for a most enlightening and growth-inspiring experience.

Remember this place, fellow seniors; we can never return.

LEAVING SO SOON?

by James Mack

The time of the year that every senior dreams about is finally here. The days are longer, the temperatures are higher, and graduation is closer now than ever.

While graduation is basically considered a happy occasion for seniors, it also causes mixed emotions. Most seniors are saddened by the fact that many friendships will be terminated because everyone chooses to go a different way.

Because of this fact, many people consider graduation to be an ending. To me, it is more of a beginning. It is a time in your life when you have to make many important decisions. Although many seniors don't realize it, the decisions you make now will shape your life in the future. You have to decide whether to go to college or work, what to major in if you choose college, and what field to work toward.

All in all, graduation is an exciting, exhilarating experience which no one will ever forget.

TUITION: WHY SO HIGH?

by Joseph McKay

We have come to expect it and accept it. As the cost of living and inflation increase, so, too, does the price of our tuition. I am not going to complain to the administration about these frequent increases; instead, I am going to defend them.

I know that many of you believe our tuition is too high for the services we receive. I also know that many of you feel there is no reason for the tuition to be steadily increasing the way it has been. The truth is, there are many excellent reasons for these increases.

As I have just said, the cost of living and inflation have been rising rapidly over the course of the last few years. These increases in costs are passed on to the school in such items as heating, utilities, insurance, salaries, maintenance and other custodial services. The school, therefore, has no alternative but to pass these increases on to the student and parents in the form of tuition raises. It is a fiscal bind, and there is no way out.

I hope you now realize the circumstances and reasons behind these increases so that when the next one arrives we will be able to deal with it in a mature, responsible manner.

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CHOOSING SIDES

by Mary Dopman

On April 2, 1982 the Argentine government led by President Leopoldo Galtieri, seized the Falkland Islands which had been administered as a crown colony by Britain. The taking of this archipelago was obviously an act of war. Or was it? The British have held these islands since 1833 and intermittently before that. According to Argentine claims, the islands were discovered in 1520 by members of Magellan's expedition and were part of Spanish America under the terms of the Treaty of Tordesillas. So, who's right?

General Haig, acting as mediator for the two countries, has tried to negotiate a peaceful settlement. His plans were practically destroyed by the British takeover of South Georgia Island which damaged an Argentine submarine and wounded a sailor. Mr. Haig has, since the start of this crisis, been greatly involved, but as Secretary of State he has yet to disclose the position of the United States in the event of war.

The Treaty of Rio, adopted in 1947, states that the signatories "agree that an armed attack by any states against an American state shall be considered an attack against all the American states." Thus, we have ties with Argentina.

The Monroe Doctrine, on the other hand, protects the rights of those European nations who have previous rights in the Western Hemisphere, namely, in this instance, Britain.

The Argentine government broke the treaty by invading the Falklands, an act of war. The British have been our traditional allies. The people of the Falklands want to be ruled by the Queen, not by a military dictator whose only reason for seizing the islands was to stir-up a feeling of nationalism in order to draw the people's attention away from their hyper-inflation and disastrous economy. To side with Argentina would be to side with a government which is unstable.

Sportlight:

MRS. BLANCHI



by Lillian Guarnaccio

If you've always wanted to speak another language, there is one person who is sure to help, Mrs. Theresa Bianchi. She can teach several languages: Italian, French, Spanish and Latin. You see, she has always wanted to teach. Mrs. Bianchi spoke Italian at home, and when she reached high school, she "fell in love with French and Latin. So it seemed natural to teach language."

Mrs. Bianchi has been teaching for twenty years, twelve of which have been here at Ford. She was the moderator of the senior prom from 1971-1977. Mrs. Bianchi thinks Ford students are "good-natured, good-hearted and generous. They are full of fun, and one needs a lot of energy and patience."

Mrs. Bianchi won a Regents Scholarship and a full, four-

year scholarship to St. John's University. After St. John's University she attended Middlebury Summer Graduate School in Vermont, where one is only allowed to speak the language one is majoring in. She got her master's degree in French and Italian at Penn State University, and she took doctoral courses at N.Y.U. and at Brooklyn College.

Mrs. Bianchi taught for three years at Our Lady of Wisdom High School, which has since closed, and she taught for five years at St. John's University.

One of Mrs. Bianchi's favorite subjects is her husband, Mr. John Bianchi, who is head of our science department. Mr. and Mrs. Bianchi met here at Ford and fell in love. They married on St. Valentine's Day, six years ago. Mrs. Bianchi thinks Mr. Bianchi is "the greatest."

MARY DOPMAN



Mary Dopman

by Danny Carlin

For the past four years, senior Mary Dopman has been a part of the Ford community. During these years, Mary has been involved in many activities, including track, softball, volleyball and basketball. When asked what she likes so much about athletics, she replied, "It's the competition involved. Also, there is a lot of action going on all the time, and that is what I like."

Not only is Mary a terrific athlete, she is also an excellent student. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has won a Regents Scholarship. She plans to attend Fairfield University this fall to major in political science. Her career goal is to become a lawyer. Mary is very optimistic about going away to school. "I can't wait to go," she says. "Fairfield, Connecticut is about ninety minutes from Brooklyn. For the first time in my life, I will be living away from home for a long period of time. I am looking forward to being on my own and making new friends. It will be a great challenge."

In college, Mary plans to take part in the student government and school newspaper. These two activities won't be new to Mary because she already takes part in them here at Ford. She is a Home Room Representative and the Sports Editor of *Highpoint*.

Believe it or not, Mary takes part in other activities. She is a Senior Leader, a Phys Ed Leader, and holds a position on the Senior Activities Committee. How does she do it? "It's really not that hard. I believe the more things you belong to, the happier you become."

Will Mary miss Ford? "Of course I will," she says. "Ford has been very good to me. I've experienced and learned many new things at Ford. I will miss my friends most and also some of the teachers like Mr. Coleman and Mr. Campanaro."

When not in school, Mary can sometimes be found at Our Lady of Angels gym coaching the girl's basketball team. "I've been doing this for four years now. It's very rewarding, as well as a lot of fun."

Movie Review:

PORKY'S

by Michael Noto

An interesting movie has hit the local theaters depicting the life of high school seniors during the 50s in a very funny way. *Porky's* is an adult nightclub where a group of girl-crazy seniors go to meet girls. What they get is taken for their money, and the rest of the movie basically deals with their plans for revenge on Porky and his club.

There was one character named Brian who master-minded the whole plot. His

plans go into effect and they are almost successful.

During the movie, there were many examples of senior life as we know it. Everything from the basketball games to the late-night drive-ins made the movie a lot of fun.

The whole movie ended with a bang when they destroyed *Porky's*, and Porky, the big fat owner, vowed revenge.

The movie was very good and a lot of fun. I would recommend it.

HOW COME?

by Edward Stevenson Smith

Thirty-four years after the establishment of the State of Israel, and six wars later, blood is still being shed in the Middle East. It would be useless to exhort the participants to grow up and stop fighting, but not to ask a few pointed questions of them:

Why is it that the Arab states, with all their oil, land and money, and with their enlightened Islam, can think only of giving the Palestinians weapons and ammunition, and not land and better housing?

Why is it Yassir Arafat and his PLO refuse to sit down and talk to Israel, prolonging their people's suffering by continuing this campaign of terrorism?

And why is the Begin government so unduly stubborn and unyielding? Why has it so often caved in to the will of a loud minority of militants?

Do the Arabs allow the Palestinian people to live in such squalor because they are using the refugees as pawns in their war against Israel and want a fresh supply of angry, hate-filled young men available at all times to use as guerilla fighters?

Does the PLO extend the bloodshed because its political strength will last only so long as its people are struggling for a homeland?

After all, is not the PLO assassinating moderate Arab leaders in the West Bank? After all, did not the popularity of the Begin regime leap phenomenally after the raid on the Iraqi reactor? And, after all, is not much of the Soviet Union's support for the radical Arab states due to the continuous state of war in the Middle East?

Student Focus:

WENDY LAU

by Patty Miller
and Kathy Davis

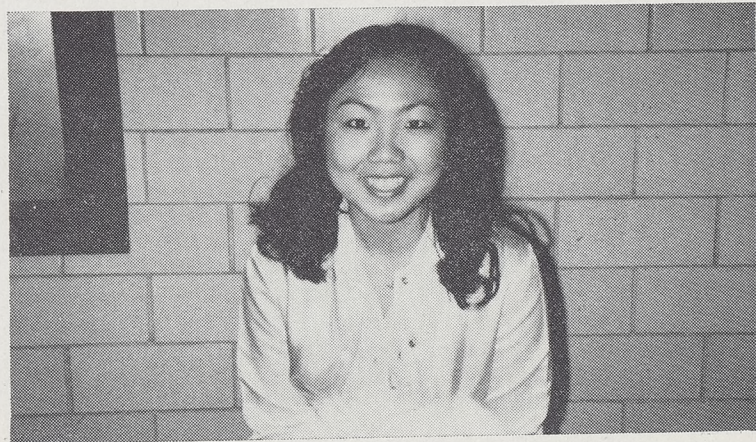
When you hear the name Wendy Lau, you picture a girl always rushing off somewhere or talking to someone. But we finally caught up with her to ask her some questions.

Wendy attended Holy Name of Jesus Grammar School where she was also very popular. Wendy has been very busy since then; in the past four years she has been in such activities as tutoring, National Honor Society, Library Aide, Math Club, Math League, *Highpoint*, Games Club, Language Club, and also Senior Leader. With all her activities and classes, her favorite subjects are math, English and lunch (of course!). In her free time (when she finds it) she likes to stay with friends and listen to music. The activities in her future are uncertain, but she plans to go

to Poly Technical Institute of N.Y. and major in engineering.

With four years of memories, Wendy reflected back, stating, "I'll remember my friends, all the people I've met, and the different things I've learned from them, and the good times shared with them." Jokingly, she added, "What I'll miss most about Ford is that it was so close I could sleep late!"

Wendy is one of the 52 students who received a Regents Scholarship. On winning it, she commented, "I feel very happy and proud, and I feel better knowing that I have at least something to start with." When asked what she will miss most about Ford after graduation, she said, "I'll miss my friends the most." And her friends will miss her, because she is a special friend to anyone who knows her.



Wendy Lau

Theater Review:

A CHORUS LINE

by Maria Valletta

If you are thinking about going to see a Broadway play this summer, I strongly suggest you get tickets for *A Chorus Line*. It has all a Broadway play should have. Among its superb qualities are comedy, music, dance and song, to name a few. While most Broadway plays contain only one or a few of these, *A Chorus Line* has all of them.

The play is very well organized into one great show

for men and women of all ages. Each actor and actress possesses unique talent. You can see that they are no amateurs at their job. As you're viewing this play, you will feel as if you, too, are a part of this sensational production. There will be times when you will just want to step up onto the stage and get a piece of the action. There is no doubt as to why this play has been such a big success on Broadway over such a long span of time.

BASEBALL SEASON STARTS WITH A BANG

by Mary Dopman

The varsity baseball team started the season with a bang by sweeping the talented St. Francis Prep. squad in their opening day doubleheader, 2-1 and 5-4. This began what Coach Piselli feels will be the best season on the diamonds for any varsity ball club in Ford's history.

The team, which is coached by Mr. Piselli and Mr. Bellino, has pitched well and played strong defense, enabling them to get off to their great start. They have beaten Xaverian 2-1 and trounced St. John's Prep 21-3.

The squad is composed of seniors Tom Breen, Pete Cosen-tino, Frank Costantino, Eugene Doherty, Sean Gargin, Frank Guiglielmo, Brian Mooney, Billy Vitolo; juniors John Cabot, Steve Downs, Marty Jankow-

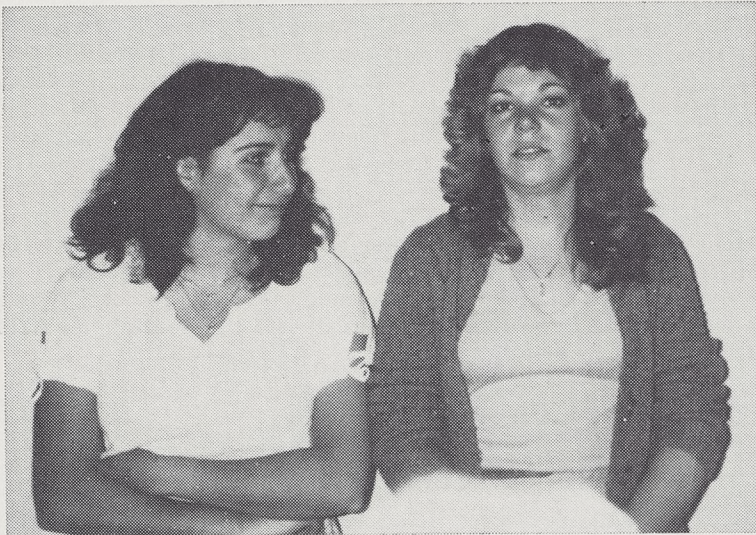
ski, John Lorquet, Anthony Matteo, Joe Mattera, Chris Mazzaro and John Wren; and sophomore Rich Palase, who was moved up from the junior varsity at the beginning of the season.

When asked who were the teams to beat this year, Coach Piselli replied, "If anyone will beat us, it will be ourselves." The team's greatest weakness so far has been their hitting. With the exception of their 21-3 win over St. John's Prep., the team has scored fewer than three runs per game at the Parade Grounds along with the junior varsity.

Coach Piselli feels confident about the team's playoff chances. He stated, "If our hitting compliments our pitching and defense, and we don't beat ourselves, this year's varsity will be playoff bound."

Sportlight:

CATHY SWEENEY AND GENA BAROUS



Gena Barous and Cathy Sweeney

by Angela Diorio

This additional Sportlight is dedicated to two well-known seniors very active in athletics here at Ford. They are Cathy Sweeney and Gena Barous.

Cathy is involved in various activities at Ford; they are volleyball (of which she is captain), softball (as pitcher for 4 years), senior leaders, and, of course, senior phys. ed. leaders. Out of school, Cathy also keeps herself occupied by playing volleyball for the Big Apple team and the Empire State Team. Recently she also performed in *Godspell*. She enjoys volleyball the most. When asked why, she replied, "I feel that I've enjoyed playing volleyball over the past 4 years more because I have improved and excelled in it."

Cathy really enjoys participating in sports and received a volleyball scholarship to St. Francis College which she will accept. She plans to teach deaf children and special phys. ed. classes.

During her free time (when she finds any) Cathy enjoys collecting dolls. It fascinates her to see the different dress styles of various countries.

Cathy commented that she will truly miss the friends, teachers, and all the good times that she has had at Ford.

Gena Barous is also very

active and has been involved in sports since her freshman year. Her activities consist of volleyball, basketball, senior leader, N.H.S., tutoring, and senior phys. ed. leaders. Out of school Gena kept herself busy with the Empire State Games, which were held at Syracuse. She competed against different regions in N.Y.S. for 4 days, and, out of all the boroughs, 10 girls were picked (she was one) to make the N.Y.S. team. She also plays for the Big Apple Team and is the winner of the Golden Record of Achievement Award, which honors outstanding student leaders for their service and contribution to the school and community.

Gena is planning to attend SUNY Binghamton. However, she is not positive what she wants to major in, but it definitely will have something to do with the arts.

During her free time, Gena enjoys drawing and painting because they relax her. She also explained that her first priority will always be volleyball because it is a sport that requires a lot of concentration and team effort.

When Gena was asked what she will miss about Ford, she replied, "I will miss my friends and my teammates, but especially my coach, Mrs. Schmidt, because she helped me improve tremendously."

WORLD SERIES A TOSS-UP

by David Casano

This year's baseball season has seen six teams, all very unlikely contenders, go on hot streaks. The Atlanta Braves won their first thirteen games to break the mark of eleven set by Oakland last year. The San Diego Padres have won ten straight, after losing three of their first four games; over in the American League, the Detroit Tigers won eight straight, until losing to the Yankees on the 25th of April; the Chicago White Sox won their first eight games; and the California Angels won six straight. I cannot neglect mentioning the St. Louis Cardinals, who won twelve straight before they finally lost a game.

As I mentioned, all of the above teams, except possibly the St. Louis Cardinals, were given little or no chance to be contenders for the pennant. Why? There are a few reasons. Before I list them, let me say that all baseball fans know that the season is still young, and all of these hot teams may cool off quite a bit before the end of the season.

The first reason these teams were knocked down is none of them has been a contender for many years, except for California, who won their division in 1979. They were not supposed to have any pitching this season, and they still may not. The Tigers have not won a division since 1972 or a World Series since 1968; the White Sox haven't won a pennant since 1959 or a Series since 1917. The Cardinals haven't won a division or pennant since 1968; they won the Series the year before. The Braves won their last division in 1969, and won the Series as the Milwaukee Braves in 1957. Finally, the Padres have not won anything since their entry into the major leagues in 1969.

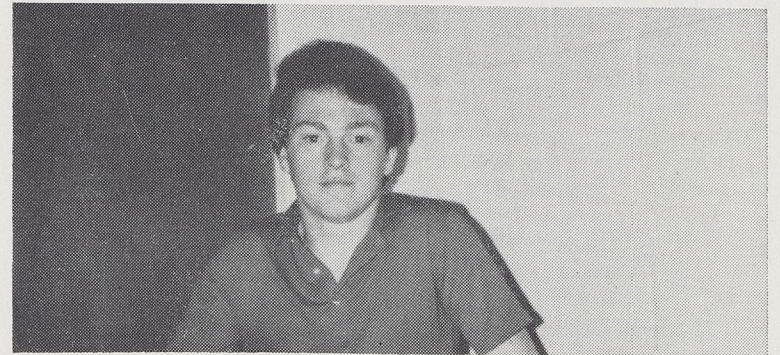
The second reason is that all of these teams, except for the Cardinals, had major weaknesses exposed. For example, the Braves had little pitching, the Padres next to none, and the White Sox not enough hitting. Again, these weaknesses could tell a tale in a 162-game season; they usually do.

Finally, the third reason is that everyone is used to seeing teams like the Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees, Baltimore Orioles, and Kansas City Royals do well and almost run away with their divisions. It is hard to adjust to new teams taking the spotlight after so many years of knowing the same teams mentioned above sharing it.

This only goes to prove that anything is possible in this sport and any team can win a division, playoff and/or World Series. I believe that it is a toss-up among at least three or four teams in each of the four divisions. It is very good for baseball and will definitely result in a much higher attendance rate at ball parks all over the league.

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ANTHONY CONAGHAN



Anthony Conaghan

by Angela Diorio

This month's Sportlight focuses on a senior who certainly enjoys playing soccer; he is, of course, Tony Conaghan. Tony is captain of Ford's varsity soccer team. He was introduced to soccer by his father but never acquired a taste for it until he entered the Ford community. He tried out for the varsity team in his freshman year, made it, and, from then on, established himself as a hard-working, determined athlete.

When Anthony is not playing soccer for Ford's team, he plays for the S.C. Gjoa Club. He was also picked for the under-19, N.Y. State Team as the subregional's best player, where he will be given the chance to try for the Youth National Team. He was named to the Catholic School All Stars and to the All City Team (he was the only one from a Catholic high school). Tony made the first All State

Catholic High School Team.

When Tony is not playing soccer or working, he likes to have great times with good friends.

When asked about college and a career, Tony explained that he is planning to attend college, but, which one he is not certain. A few of the colleges he is considering are Brooklyn, University of South Carolina, San Jose State, and St. Francis (from which he received a soccer scholarship). Tony plans to major in accounting or computer science. He took related courses in his senior year and has gotten very interested in these areas of study. Tony, of course, will continue playing soccer in college.

When asked what he will truly miss about Ford, he replied, "I will miss the atmosphere of the school, as well as the many friends I have grown close to and got to know over these 4 years."

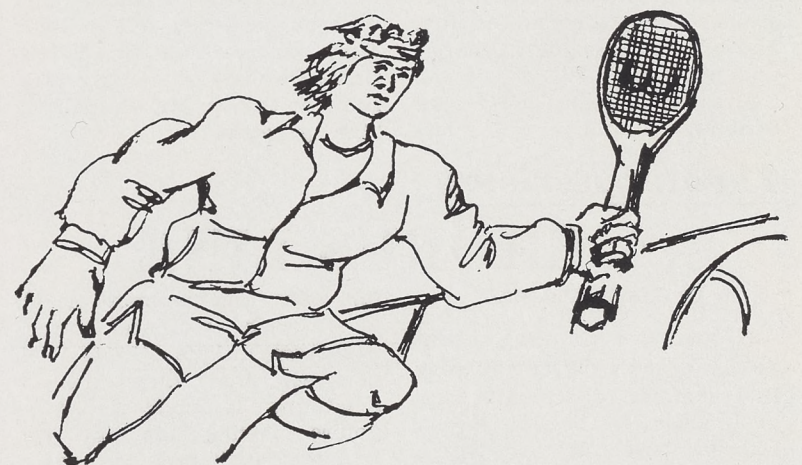
TENNIS TEAM HEADED FOR PLAYOFFS

by Mary Dopman

Can they do it? Can this year's varsity tennis team make the playoffs? Mr. Habib, coach of the squad for the past six years, thinks they can. If they do it, it will have to be a team effort, although they will have to rely heavily on John Riddle, their first singles player. John was named to the Tablet All-Star team last year and is presently being sought by St. John's, St. Francis and L.I.U. Playing second singles for the team is Rob Cosenza, with Paul Bressi playing third singles. He is considered by

Mr. Habib to be the most improved player on the squad. In first doubles, Sherman Chin plays with either Joe Arancio or Joe Palaccio, while Charlie Esposito and Andy Cole take care of the second doubles slot. Rounding out the squad are juniors Billy Mulcahey and Mike Dellosso and sophomores Ken Henderson, Rob Bruzesse and Doug Antacki, all of whom have helped in the team's effort.

Xaverian, St. Francis Prep. and McClancy are just some of the better teams who are out to best the Falcon's in their quest for the title.



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